Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Approval of whom ?

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Of His Highness.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Approval of what recommendation ?

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Any particular recommendation of the Heads of Departments on the report of the Special Finance Committee taken from the Heads of Departments, or the Diwan or anybody else.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice for that. I have not looked into the thing.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—I gave ample time for answering the question. The purpose of my question is,.....

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Defeated, perhaps. I am sorry.

56. Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the report of the Special Finance Committee is kept confidential ; if so, for what reasons ;

(2) in view of the fact that the recommendations of the Committee affect the people of the State generally, whether Government have any objection to give immediate publicity to the said report and to invite public criticism thereon ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) The report is no longer kept confidential. They have already been circulated among the Members of the Legislative Council.

(2) Government have no objection to give publicity to the said report ; but they do not consider it necessary to invite public criticism thereon as the report itself was prepared by the Committee after ascertaining the views of many representative non-officials and also as the Government have invited a discussion on the report on the floor of this House.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—May I know when the confidential nature of the report was removed ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—When it was placed in the hands of the Members, it was removed.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—It was kept confidential then.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was confidendial when the Government got it. Till the report was sent along with the circular to the Members, the report was kept confidential.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—When was the confidential nature of the same removed ? Is it before that or after that?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is intended for the Members only.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—So it was confidential then.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was confidential only so far as the Members were concerned.

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Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Is its confidential nature entirely removed?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Not yet.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.— Have copies been given to the Papers?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Is it kept confidential even now?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is kept confidential.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—It is kept confidential only from the public except to the House and the Press! Suppose they are going to publish the same.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I have no objection.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—I want to know whether it is a public document now?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—If it was published, its confidential nature has passed away.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.— Is it confidential to the entire public?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes, I must say.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—When?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.— After it was issued to the Press correspondents.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—May I know when it was issued to the Press correspondents?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was issued to the Press yesterday or day before yesterday.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Or to-day.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.— It was issued to the Press correspondents day before yesterday.

Unauthorised putting up of bunds.

57. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in any of the *chals* referred to in Appendix A of the Proceedings of the Diwan of Cochin, Dis. 177/R/1102, dated 1st June 1927, any bund was put up; if so, which are these and who gave permission for the same;

(b) a list of *chals* referred to in Appendix B of the same Proceedings for which permission for bunding up was granted and the date of sanction for each of the same;

(c) whether a bund was put up at Survey No. 171 Pullazhi village; if so how does it affect the neighbouring lands and when was permission given for the same?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes. A list of such *chals* is placed on the Table. (*Vide Appendix I.*) Government have not accorded permission.

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